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The Club's next Race Meeting will be held at Randwick on Saturday, 9th September, 1939.

The Club Man's Diary

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 1st, Mr. Percy Smith; 3rd, Mr. Geo. T. Rowe; 8th, Mr. W. St. E. Parsons; 9th, Mr. D. V. Clifton, Mr. E. A. Box; 15th, Mr. John Wyatt, Mr. F. Gawler, Mr. S. N. West; 16th, Mr. John P. Roles; 17th, Mr. S. E. Chatterton; 19th, Mr. P. Loutit, Mr. A. Peel; 23rd, Mr. Rex Cullen-Ward; 24th, Sir Samuel Hordern; 26th, Mr. W. Longworth, Mr. P. Pilcher; 28th, Mr. E. A. Nettlefold; 30th, Mr. A. L. Brown, Mr. H. D. McRae.

Gentlemen, Many Happy Returns. To each of you the toast is "Friendship."

*As we through life our journey wend,
Oh, lucky we who claim a friend;
A friend foresworn by loyal creed,
Of simple word and honest deed.
Whatever goods the gods may send,
Be sure such friend will make amend.*

*So, be the future dark and dree,
Or fair—whate'er the fates decree,
We shall not worry or repine
While yet we claim a friendship,
thine.*

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Mr. Stan Chatterton and The Club Man celebrate their birthdays on September 17. Before he left on his latest trip abroad it was arranged that on that day we should raise a glass to each other's good health and happiness.

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Time has a habit of speeding that few may realise, until reminded that on September 27 we will celebrate the 12th anniversary of our occupation of this Club. At the time we packed up there was not a suggestion of the gathering depression. We all looked upon a splendid building, felt splendid ourselves, and heard others remark as they noted this detail and that of the new premises: 'Splendid! splendid!'

It was indeed an era of splendor. Nothing like it has been experienced since; probably will not be, inside a decade, at any rate. But we can take it. The bumps suffered in depression, the tough going back to recovery, the readjustments in our personal fortunes, taught us something.

Nine sitting members of the Australian Jockey Club committee were returned by decisive majorities. The tenth seat was won by Dr. Leslie Utz, popular member of Tattersall's Club, who has been associated with racing for many years. Miss "Lorna Doone", his wife, raced several good horses, and one of outstanding class, Sylvan-dale.



Dr. Leslie Utz

On the question of changing the voting system of the A.J.C. to preferential or retaining the present system of first past the post, 683 were in favour of the present system and 233 favoured the form of preferential voting suggested by a special committee.

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Prosperity never-ending is now an illusion only of fools. Surrounded by the comfort of a club among the finest of its type in the world, we count ourselves fortunate fellows, and pay tribute to the enterprise of those administrators who created for us this happy home away from home, whose presence we still feel in the manifestation of their magnificent work.

The new and stately entrance to the Club from Castlereagh Street has, of course, impressed you all. It found me a trifle bewildered, for I had left Sydney on vacation while

the work was in progress. While expecting an improvement in every way worthy of the Club I had not bargained for anything as splendid and as spacious as we have to-day. Members have remarked that it enhances further the status of the Club.

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Prior to leaving for England by the Dominion Monarch, on October 7, the chairman (Mr. W. W. Hill) will be tendered a cocktail party by members in the Club Room. The day: Thursday, October 5. The time: 5.30 p.m.

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Elsewhere is an article dealing with the history of the Chelmsford Stakes, which, of course, is the main race run at the September meeting of the Club at Randwick. The date is the 9th.

Note also the date of the 12th Annual Ball: September 16th. Early reservations save heartburnings.

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Being not on our oath we disclose the strangest question ever put to Mr. W. R. Dovey, K.C., by a client.

"Am I really married if the shotgun wasn't loaded?"

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Until recent months there were seven members of the Buckle family members of Tattersall's Club. Now there are five. Death removed Messrs. Alex and Thomas, leaving their brothers, Messrs. W. W. and Frank and Messrs. A. C., J.W., and W. G. of the next generation. Greatly do members in general regret the passing of those two who were so well known to them and so well liked.

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Memo: George Chiene: I came across this line in a recent reading—"Longer ago than never at all, and farther away than nowhere..."

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A familiar figure appears again in the Club. Mr. Ralph Doyle, managing director of RKO-Radio Pictures (Australasia) Pty. Ltd., and vice-president of the British-American Co-operative Movement, has returned from a business visit to U.S.A.

Another back from a business visit to America is Mr. H. C. Trenam, managing director of Standard Telephones and Cables (Australasia) Pty. Ltd.

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Highlight of a Carnival Week-End at Scone was the race meeting held at St. Aubin's, the property of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith. It was the first meeting to have been held on the new race track which previously had been used for training purposes. The visitors included the Lord Mayor (Sir Norman Nock) and Lady Nock. The host and hostess entertained guests at a cocktail party.

Mr. Smith is one of the turf's keenest patrons and is a committee-man of Tattersall's Club.

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Mr. E. E. Hirst, managing director of British General Electric Co. Ltd., was entertained by friends and business associates before leaving recently for England.

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As the inebriated punter said of the beautiful, but faithless, barmaid: "She's a snake in the glass."

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Mr. W. R. Dovey, K.C., was in the news — apart from the court news — during August. He was named in press notices as being among the survivors of the first Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force which embarked on the troopship Berrima for New Guinea on August 19, 1914. It was the first time that Australians had invaded an enemy country without directional orders from England. Part of the

history of that campaign is that Mr. Dovey was known to the Berrima men as 'Sergeant Pullthrough.'

It was on August 15, 1914, that the dashing young Bill Dovey married Miss Mary Dorothy Duncan at St. John's, Bishopthorpe — which means that Mr. and Mrs. Dovey celebrated in August the silver anniversary of their wedding. May they be as happy on their golden wedding anniversary.

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A man with a little black bag knocked at the front door. "Come in, come in," said the father of 14 children, "and I hope you've come to tune the piano."

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Told in the Club Room: A city salesman, whose car had broken down in the country, was compelled to spend the night at a farmhouse. That night he took the farmer's daughter for a buggy ride. About five miles from home the horse dropped dead. Thinking to take advantage of the occasion, the salesman turned to the girl beside him and stated the intention of kissing her.

"Kiss?" she said, "what's a kiss?"

Flabbergasted he asked: "Don't you know what a kiss is?" "No" she confessed. "Well," he said, "a kiss will put new life into you."

"Oh!" she exclaimed with sudden enlightenment. Then: "Kiss the horse and let's go home."

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Well-earned honour to Professor Douglas Stewart, on his retirement

from the post of Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Sydney University, was his appointment as Emeritus Professor of the Senate of the University. A man of deep learning, devoid of ostentation; a teacher of outstanding merit with a classic record; a man kindly by nature, considerate, helpful, his heart was in his work; and many a young man's career was capped by the veteran tutor's zealous interest. All whom he so aided, as with all who have met him, hold Professor Stewart in high esteem.

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Some people credit or blame the Egyptians with the invention of playing cards, while others say it was the Chinese. But there are such cards as the thirteen of diamonds in some decks and on some of the old Italian decks there are popes and even popesses. Playing cards as we know them date back only about 600 years. After its revolution Russia banned playing cards but the bootlegging of them became such a profitable business that the ban had to be lifted.

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Group Captain E. R. Manning, R.A.F., a member of the Sydney Stock Exchange, and a partner in the firm of Clarence Degenhardt and Co., who has been recalled to service on the active list of the Royal Air Force, left by flying boat on the 25th August for a station abroad.

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John
Goes to bed with his uniform on;
All-steel helmet and field-gray
pants,
And that's the latest crisis at a
glance.

* * *

To market, to market, to buy a
sandbag,
Home again, home again, ziggety-
zag;
To market, to market, a gas mask
to fit,
Home again, home again, lickety-
split.

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Taffy was a soldier,
Taffy could salute,
And all the little children
Admired his parachute.

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Dink-a-dunk-dank,
Three men in a tank,
And who do you think they be?
The captain, the gunner,
The signal runner.
Pip, pip! Time out for tea!

Mr. Cyril G. D. Allman,
of Gundagai.

Cyril G. D. Allman, of Gundagai, has the unique distinction of knowing and being known by every member of the pastoral community in the southern districts of N.S.W. There's a reason. Cyril is secretary of the P.P. Board and is, perforce, in constant touch with all who woo the fortunes of "woolybacks". There was also the time when our worthy was secretary of the Gundagai Turf Club and, this office, when combined with that previously mentioned, brought him in touch with all classes in the community.

Never was a more popular resident in the south than C.G.D.A. and his cheery "hello!" in greeting is as well known at Randwick and Flemington as in the town situated nine miles from where the dog sat on the tuckerbox.

Famed as a great judge of horseflesh, Cyril has, through the years, built for himself a great name as a picker of doubles. He, rightly or wrongly, has an enviable reputation in this regard.

He is also a Digger and prominent member of the local branch of the R.S.I.L.A., whose members look to him for guidance and words of wisdom in all that matters most. Always effervescing with goodfellowship, his companions pray for long life and continued good health. His like are all too few in our midst.

Mr. A. E. Cobcroft, of Herbert
Park, Armidale.

A. E. Cobcroft, of Herbert Park, Armidale, is a name and address well-known and respected among the N.S.W. rural fraternity.

Arthur, as the subject of this essay is known to his intimates, is of the virile type which insists on action all the time. He is a shining example of that band of humans who make life worth while and those who know him best cheer the loudest when Dame Fortune smiles his way.

A great lover of good horseflesh, Arthur has, lately, interested himself in the purchase of a few yearlings with which he hopes to add further enjoyment to the habitues of picnic race meetings in the northern portion of this State.

Possessed of a beautiful home and property, Arthur plays the serious business of life midst his sheep and cattle, among which he has had a life-long experience. He hails from Queensland where his forbears built a great name among our pioneers and the fact that he is related to the famous Osborne clan is sufficient reason why the name is respected far and wide. Arthur finds time to join in with everything worth while and is most charitably minded.

Well-known at Randwick and other places where the best prads congregate at regular intervals, the Squire of Herbert Park diffuses friendship to his thousands of friends.

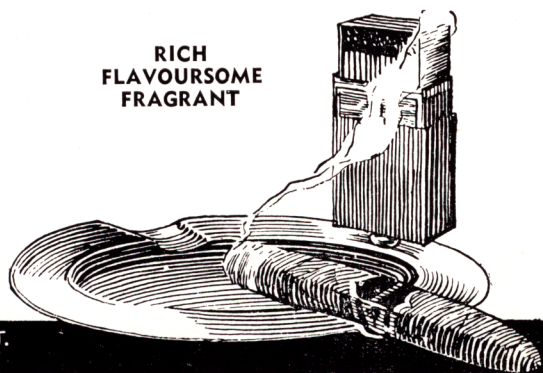
As a club member there is only one complaint. Rectification is suggested in that Arthur live in Sydney and pay regular visits to Herbert Park instead of vice versa. As that will bring added pleasure all round, we know it will receive deep consideration as soon as this article is read.

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Gambling Epics

(Continued from August, 1939, issue)

Before passing on to the twentieth century, let us just mention briefly some others of the great gambling coups of the early days. Mr. Merry, a famous and heavy bettor, won £85,000 on Thormanby's Derby of 1860. But the real romance does not lie in that fact, but because the stationmaster of Didcott, one Wignell, was entrusted with the "workings" of the commission. On the evening of the Derby Day he locked up the station and handed the key to the porter. "Here," he said, "you can be stationmaster, I'm not coming back."

Tom Dawson, the famous Middleham trainer, won £50,000 on Ellington's Derby of 1856. The story goes that he left the entire sum, in cash, in a hat-box on the train on his way home—and it was subsequently recovered, untouched, at Aberdeen! Believe it or not!

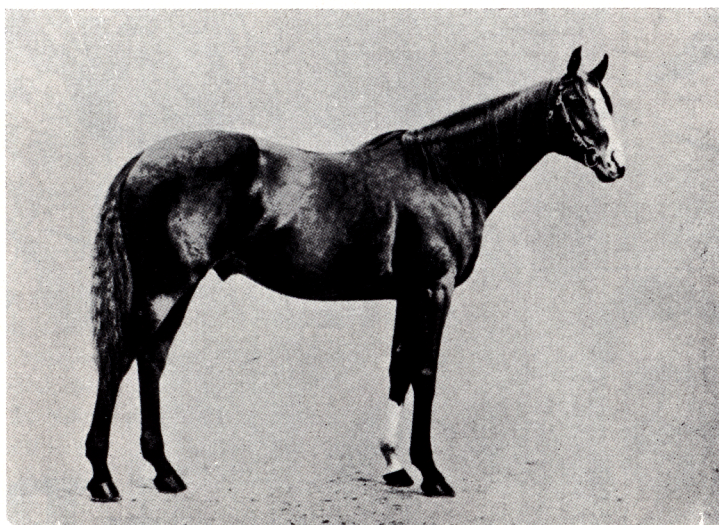
A bet of £180,000 to £6,000 was laid against Hermit winning the Derby. This must be the biggest single bet ever, but on the representation of friends it was cancelled before the race. The layer was the Duke of Hamilton and the taker the notorious Captain Machell. Hermit's Derby, in fact, was quite costly enough for some people. It cost the Marquis of Hastings £100,000, for he had plunged heavily on Vauuban, the favourite and winner of the Two Thousand Guineas.

A great Autumn Double Coup of last century was pulled off by John Hammond who won £165,000 when his two horses, St Gatien and Florence, duly obliged.

Now on to the twentieth century. An amusing, shrewd and surprising

coup was pulled off by a journalist, Archie Falcon, later on to become one of the best known of professional backers, over Spearmint's Derby in 1906. He was the only man, early one morning on Newmarket Heath, to see the despised Spearmint spreadeagle that fine mare Pretty Polly, and the Cesarewitch winner, Hammerkop. Archie scented a coup and acted accordingly.

All the money he could raise



SPEARMINT.

went on Spearmint at 20-1 and so did that of some of his friends he let into the secret. When Spearmint duly won, Falcon's winnings were nearly £5,000 and he was a very popular man with his friends!

1921 was the year of an enormous gamble that failed. A horse called Ugly Duckling, owned by an Irishman, Mr. A. Lowry, had failed to win a single race during the 1920 season and was not thought much of for the Lincolnshire Handicap of the following year. The animal's connections, however, had faith and backed that faith with money to such an extent that before the day of the race Ugly

Duckling was made favourite through sheer weight of cash.

Ugly Duckling did not oblige, much to the relief of the book-makers, who stood to pay out no less than £150,000 if he had won! The owner's faith in the appropriately named horse was not yet quenched. He was heavily backed for a race at Kempton, and looked to have it well won, too, when a spectator leaning over the rails with an open umbrella made the beast shy and swerve. and lose again!

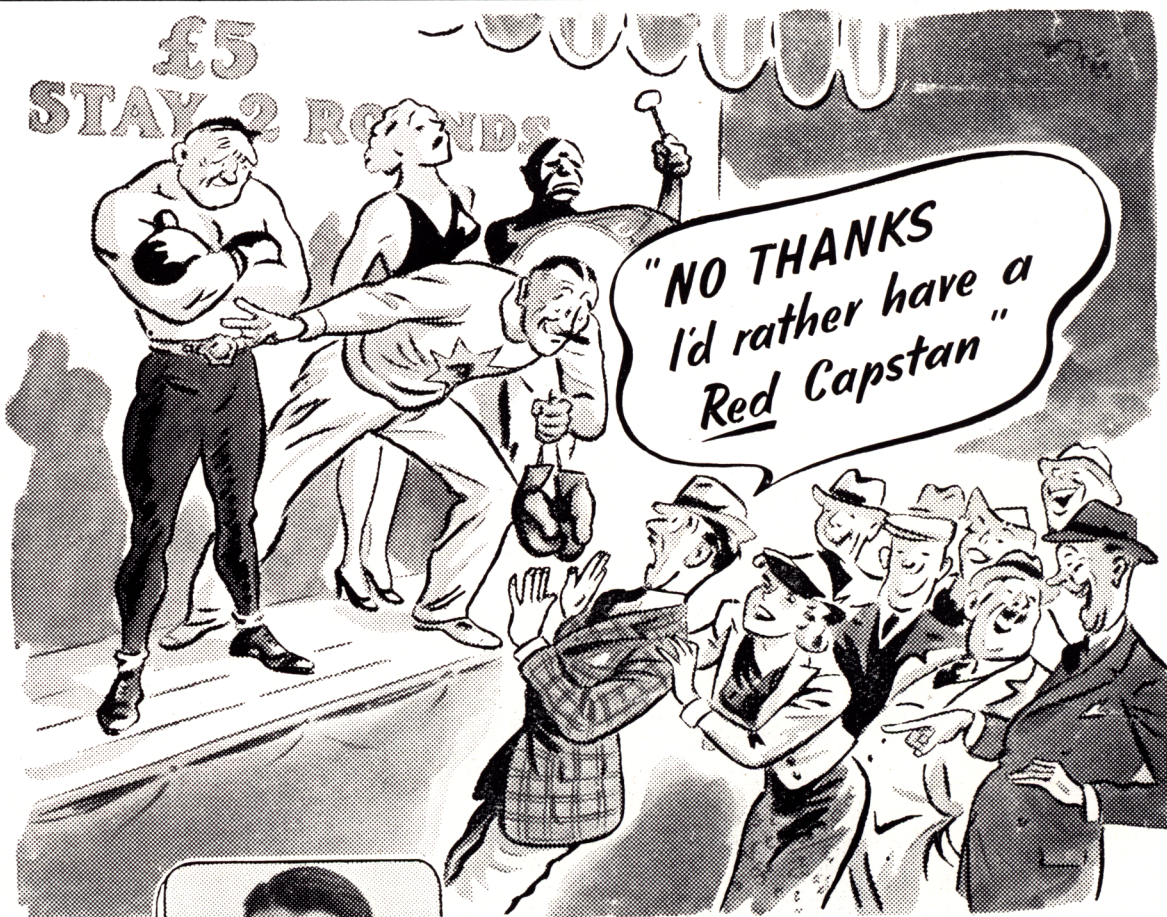
Perhaps the biggest match race of the century was the famous one which took place at Belmont Park, U.S.A., in 1923, between Papyrus, our own Derby winner of that year, and Zev, the American champion racehorse.

The race was held on October 20 and the stake was the huge one of a hundred thousand dollars. Earle Sande, American champion jockey, rode Zev, and Steve Donoghue, who had piloted him to victory at Epsom, crossed the Atlantic to take

the ride on Papyrus. The English horse was at one time an ante-post favourite but Zev got the vote on the day and rightly for he won easily.

The policy of running Papyrus in such a match, under conditions totally strange to him, was criticised, both on the grounds that it was unfair to the horse and calculated to give the Americans a poor opinion of British bloodstock. Be that as it may, matches between horses have now gone entirely out of favour. There was a proposal last year, you may remember, to

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George Aris, famous cartoonist, gives us this impression of his favourite phrase, "No thanks, I'd rather have a Red Capstan."

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Gambling Epics

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match Bois Roussel and Nearco, but it came to nothing.

Only once in the history of the Spring Double have two 100-1 shots won. This was in 1929 when Greglach won the Grand National and Elton the Lincoln. Thereby hangs a very amusing tale.

A stranger approached a well-known bookmaker at Aintree and said: "Lay me £5,000 to £50 Greglach." The bookmaker agreed and shortly afterwards Greglach, with a little-known jockey called Everett in the saddle, beat a record field of 66 runners.

The bookmaker had asked his client for his name and address, not having on him sufficient cash to settle then and there. "My name's Everett", said the stranger, "but I'm no relation to the jockey. I won £50 to ten shillings on Elton at Lincoln and decided to blow the lot on my namesake here!" He was £5,050 to the good as a result.

The year 1931, memorable for the world 'depression' which hit almost everyone, is remarkable for two big Autumn coups. One succeeded, one failed. The late Mr. H. F. Clayton had backed himself for £100,000 to win the Autumn Double with his horses — he had several, all rank outsiders, running. His horse Disarmament romped home in the Cambridgeshire by 3 lengths at 18-1 and his Cesarewitch "hope", Six Wheeler, considered a rank non-stayer, ran the race of his life and ran second to Noble Star, one of the best Cesarewitch winners since the War. Hard luck, indeed!

Now for the one that came off, on the Manchester November Handicap of the same year. Mr. J. T. (Pip) Downing not only backed his horse but he approached the holder of a ticket bearing his horse's name in a big sweepstake and bought a half share for £700. Then he did the same with another

holder, having to pay £800 for a half share this time. Two other quarter shares from other holders were also acquired for £400 apiece. This totalled one and a half complete tickets, so that when North Drift romped home he collected a nice sum of £45,000 from this source alone!

So the great game goes on. Men backing their fancy, they have always done it, they will always do it. And it is a good thing that nowadays the wild plunging of last century has given place to shrewder



Steve Donoghue.

calmer, saner operations. A young fool like the Jubilee Plunger was no credit to the great game. He had no knowledge, no experience, no sense. And Fortune is always cruellest to those who blindly seek her favours. But she will help the man, who, believing in his knowledge, his initiative, his skill, in himself, has the courage to take a chance.

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BALL**

Defaulter or High Caste

Chelmsford Stakes Problem

Apparently no match in Sydney is possible between Ajax and Defaulter, but Tattersall's Club, in the Chelmsford Stakes, has every chance of staging the next best thing, a duel between Defaulter and High Caste.

Apart from two-year-old races, Tattersall's Club each Spring presents the most diversified card of the year and this year's fixture on September 9 will be no exception to the rule.

Epsom Handicap horses, prominent on the list, will be on trial in the Tramway Handicap, a race which has provided many an excellent pointer for the big mile a few weeks later.

Metropolitan horses will have their full dress rehearsal over the last 10 furlongs of the course which they will soon have to contest.

Opinions vary concerning the merits of Defaulter and High Caste, not that the galloping ability of Defaulter is questioned, but there is a section of racing enthusiasts who doubt whether High Caste is the equal of the New Zealand four-year-old at weight-for-age. It is singular that both are massive horses and yet possess undoubted speed.

Defaulter, in the Warwick Stakes, proved himself to the satisfaction of the majority, but would have been even more decisive had he been further away from Feminist. Against that, Defaulter made all his own running and sprinted away from the opposition at the turn.

High Caste, on the contrary, had several disadvantages to overcome before he could win the Hobartville Stakes and finally pulled through in great style. At weight-for-age over nine furlongs, Defaulter has to concede 19 lb. to High Caste and it is interesting to note that in their training gallop over 5

furlongs they carried practically even weights and Defaulter won the gallop by a neck.

Providing this pair go to the post, Tattersall's Club will provide one

gested as a three-year-old and will not be surpassed in looks or quality.

Gold Rod hardly appeals at nine furlongs, although his galloping ability, judged on his track work, is unimpaired. His Warwick Stakes effort was disappointing, but he might easily do better at Randwick.

Of the three-year-olds, Marengo and Beau Vite, both are set big tasks and neither is likely to finish in front of High Caste. Both are useful colts, Marengo's success and Beau Vite's fourth at Warwick Farm being entirely creditable.

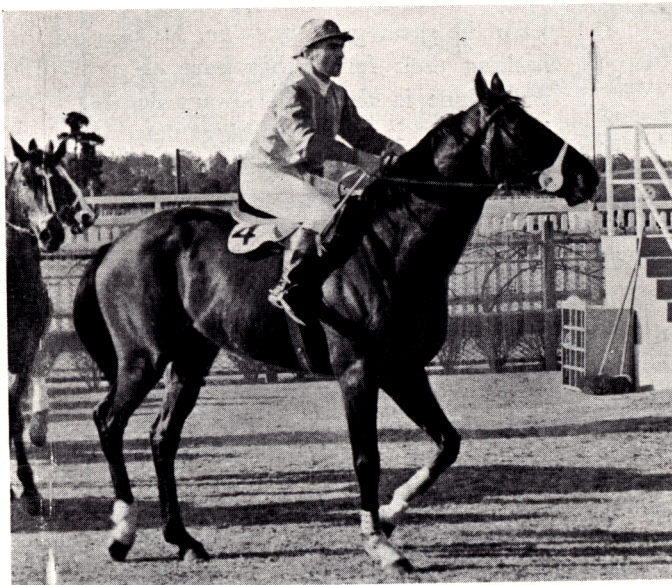
Another three-year-old in Reading smudged his record by his failure in the Hobartville Stakes, but it is possible that the colt does not like that course and will do better at Randwick, where he was able to down High Caste as a two-year-old in

the Sires' Produce Stakes. Still another three-year-old in Katanga is an improver and he might be relied on in this event in preference to Feminist, his stablemate, who raced with Defaulter in the Warwick Stakes. Feminist is an entrant for the Spring Handicap at the Club's meeting, a race which might suit her better.

St. Constant has three engagements, the Chelmsford Stakes, The Tramway Handicap and the Spring Handicap, so that the right race can be selected for him as part of his Spring campaign.

Apart from Micawber, all fancied Epsom Handicap horses are engaged in the Tramway Handicap. Adios, Denis, and Mildura are a notable trio from G. Price's stable, with Adios the most prominent of the three, according to the popularity list.

Caesar, who ran such an excellent and fast-finishing second to Brazandt at Warwick Farm will be one of the most interesting of the Tram-



Defaulter

of the best clashes of the season, but they will not monopolise attention for Royal Chief, Mosaic, Gold Rod, Beau Vite, Buzalong, Marengo and Feminist can make up the field in the Chelmsford Stakes.

Royal Chief will be suited much better by the nine furlongs of the Chelmsford Stakes than by the seven furlongs of the Warwick Stakes, and if he runs his last half mile as correspondingly fast as he did his last two furlongs at Warwick Farm he might trouble even Defaulter and High Caste.

Last Spring when Royal Chief was in Sydney, the feature of his successes was the brilliancy of his finishing effort and it is quite possible that he will be able to produce equivalent speed.

Mosaic may be at a disadvantage, but the last Sydney Cup winner has worked capably and freely and has recovered from a slight set back a few weeks ago. He is a stronger-looking four-year-old than he sug-

way runners and will be rivalled by Geebung, who finished almost as well in the same race as Adios at Warwick Farm.

It is noticed that Tel Asur is not in the Tramway Handicap but claims a Spring Handicap engagement, indicating progress to longer distances.

Gilltown is another omission while the absence of Tetreen and Nightguard suggest doubt concerning the visit of the Victorians to Sydney.

Notable newcomers for the Spring round are Fakenham, Petruccio, Paddy the Rip. Of this quartet, Paddy the Rip will be the most interesting character because of his unusual record in New Zealand. He rates as an aged gelding, did not race until last year, when he won over all kinds of distances, yet is represented by sons and daughters in New Zealand.

Gilltown's nomination for the Spring Handicap could be regarded as an indication that he is a Metropolitan aspirant and taken all through the mile and a quarter event at the

Club's meeting should be a first-class Metropolitan trial.

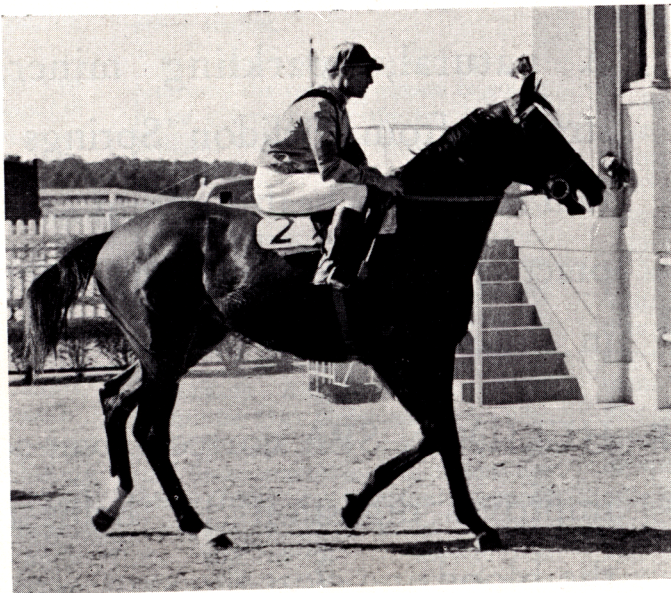
Feminist, Cooranga, Buzalong, the stable pair, Malagigi and Respirator, are top-liners on the lists for the Metropolitan and can have their dress rehearsal in the Spring Handicap. Most interesting, of course, will be Cooranga, who has not been seen in Sydney for some time, but who, during the winter showed that all was well with her by her successes in Brisbane.

Despite the prejudice against mares in the Spring, Feminist now leads Cooranga in the Metropolitan lists and if both run at Tattersalls' meeting they should perform well enough to retain their prominent positions.

Malagigi and Respirator galloped their way into the public gaze at Warwick Farm and if one or both race at Randwick, will not be overlooked.

So many possibilities centre around the Spring Handicap, however, that it is impossible to enumerate briefly the attraction of this race, which should be one of the best provided by the Club.

Not only have the major events filled satisfactorily but the subsidiary events should be as equally interesting, judged by the nominations and providing all goes well and normally, the Spring Meeting of 1939 should be one of the best in the records of Tattersall's Club and right up to the highest standard of Randwick.



High Caste

HISTORY OF THE CHELMSFORD STAKES

Formerly known as the Hampden Stakes to 1902—the Rawson Stakes to 1908.
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Year	Winner	Weight	Second	Weight	Third	Weight	Time
1909	Prince Foote	8 2	Artillerie	8 9	Malt King	8 2	1 55
1910	Prince Foote	9 7	Patronatus	8 0	Silver Hampton	8 1	1 53
1911	Los Angeles	9 8	Flavinus	9 4	Bright Laddie	9 4	1 53 1/2
1912	Duke Foote	9 4	Perdita	7 4	Malt King	9 11	1 55
1913	Duke Foote	9 11	Beragoon	8 2	Radnor	8 2	1 56 1/2
1914	Woorak	8 2	Mountain Knight	7 12	Ravello	7 10	1 52 1/2
1915	Garlin	9 7	Wallace Isinglass	8 2	Mountain Knight	9 7	1 54
1916	Sasanof	7 6	Woorak	9 11	Thana	7 11	1 52 1/2
1917	Prince Viridis	8 2	Lingle	9 4	Cetigne	9 11	1 54 1/2
1918	Gloaming	6 10	Rebus	9 4	Kennaquhair	9 0	1 52
1919	Richmond Man	6 13	Elfacre	7 3	Cetigne	9 11	1 52 1/2
1920	Chrysolus	9 11	Erasmus	7 2	Sydney Damsel	8 13	1 51 1/2
1921	Syde Knight	9 0	Elfacre	9 11	David	9 7	1 52
1922	Beauford	9 8	Gloaming	9 8	David	9 11	1 53
1923	Rapine	9 4	David	9 11	Wish Wynne	8 13	1 55
1924	Heroic	8 2	Gloaming	9 8	Wallace Mortlake	7 12	1 50 1/2
1925	Windbag	9 7	Valamita	9 0	Pilliewinkle	9 8	
1926	Limerick	7 13	Windbag	9 11	Virgin Gold	9 4	1 51 1/2
1927	Limerick	9 4	Merry Mint	7 13	Rapine	9 8	1 52 1/2
1928	Limerick	9 8	Winalot	9 7	Son o' Mine	7 8	1 55 1/2
1929	Mollison	9 4	Phar Lap	7 6	The Happy Warrior	6 13	1 51 1/2
1930	Phar Lap	9 4	N'ghtmarch	9 11	Winalot	9 11	1 52
1931	Ammon Ra	7 13	Ptolemy	7 3	Weotara	7 6	1 51 1/2
1932	Gaine Carrington	8 2	Kuvera	8 2	Veilmond	9 7	1 52 1/2
1933	Rogilla	9 8	Topical	9 1	Regal Son	7 9	1 59
1934	Rogilla	9 8	Peter Pan	9 11	Silver Scorn	9 2	1 52 1/2
1935	Sylvandale	9 7	Contact	9 0	Gladswood	7 3	1 52 1/2
1936	Gold Rod	8 2	Mala	7 9	Rogilla	9 8	1 54 1/2
1937	Mala	9 0	Silver Standard	9 4	Custos	7 9	1 51 1/2
1938	Royal Chief	9 7	Avenger	9 7	Allunga	9 11	1 51
					Limulet	7 9	1 51 1/2

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Swimming Club Ball a Big Success

Hero of the evening was, of course, George Goldie, winner of the Dewar Cup and we were only sorry that our old friend, Mr. A. L. Brown was not there to do the honors of presenting the Dewar Cup to George.

In Mr. Brown's absence, Club Chairman, Mr. W. W. Hill, performed the pleasant task in his inimitable style.

The teams race was between two teams of five, one team skippered by Winston Edwards, consisting of regular racers N. P. Murphy, G. Goldie, J. Dexter and C. D. Tarrant and the other led by Frank Carberry being composed of not-so-regulars B. Partridge, W. C. Allen, N. Barrell and W. K. Garnsey.

The latter team won nicely after a very close race and the trophies went to the wives of the victors, which made hubby very popular.

During the evening monthly point score orders were handed to N. P. Murphy, J. Dexter, G. Goldie, C. D. Tarrant and W. S. Edwards and a cup for being runner-up in the Dewar Cup contest was presented to C. D. Tarrant.

A fine floor show and a big attendance of members and friends made the Ball as big a success as ever and the end of the evening left everybody looking forward to the next.

Swimmers are taking it easy for a while but it will soon be October and with it the beginning of another season.

For those who have Olympic aspirations the coming season is going to be a very heavy one for in 1940 Finland will be the scene of a new Olympiad.

Unfortunately it cannot be said that Australia can look forward with any great amount of optimism to the Games as far as swimming goes unless some new star flashes across the sporting firmament.

Perhaps Australia's best hope would be Miss Green of W.A., who is at present under suspension. At the last Australian championships Miss Green was obviously out of form but on her return to Perth she set some records that showed that she was swimming better than when she won the 440 yards British Em-

pire Championship in Sydney.

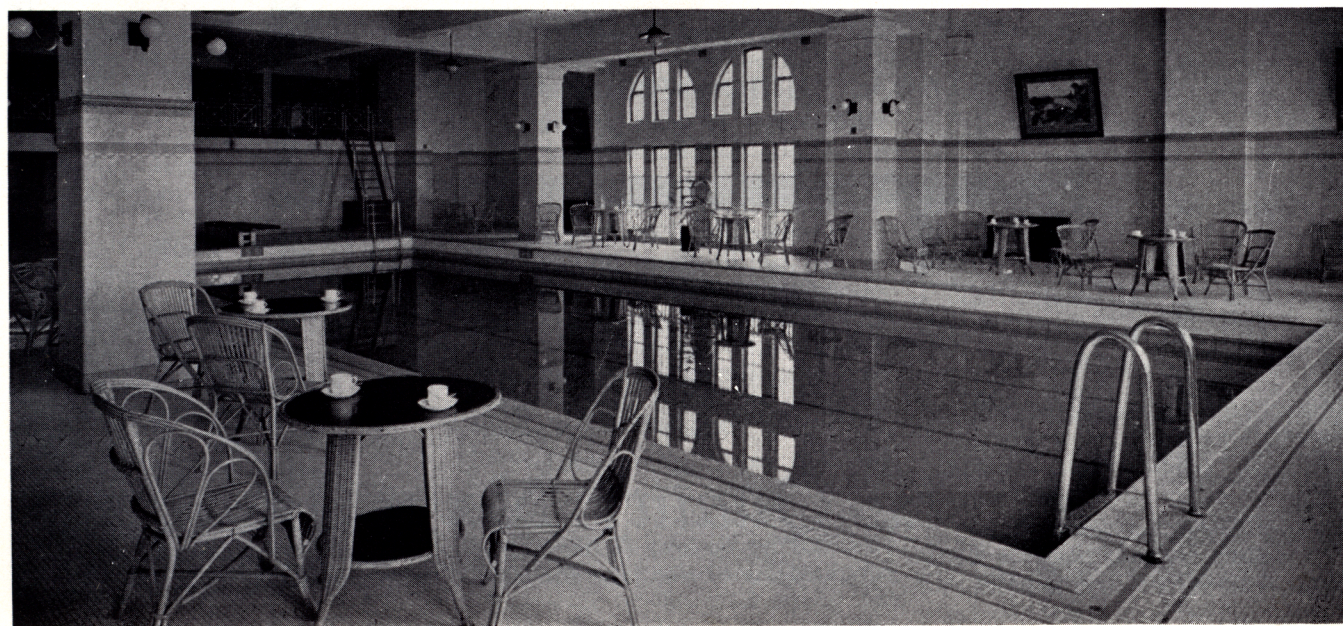
This lass is probably our best bet and time alone will tell how she lines up with the world's champions, although at present a place would be the best that could be hoped for from her.

That all makes a very pessimistic review of Olympic chances but the fact is that Australia has dropped well astern of the world in a sport it was once on top.

The Australian surfers are back from their trip to Honolulu and report a wonderful time by all, good fellows, good sport and great friendship.

Perhaps the surf wasn't the same as here, perhaps there was more bath swimming than surfing, but that didn't matter, the boys created a great impression on all who met them and the captain of the liner that carried them stated that he never wished to carry a better bunch of sportsmen.

It seems certain that a team of Hawaiians will come to New Zealand and to Australia next season and will compete in the surf and perhaps the baths as well.



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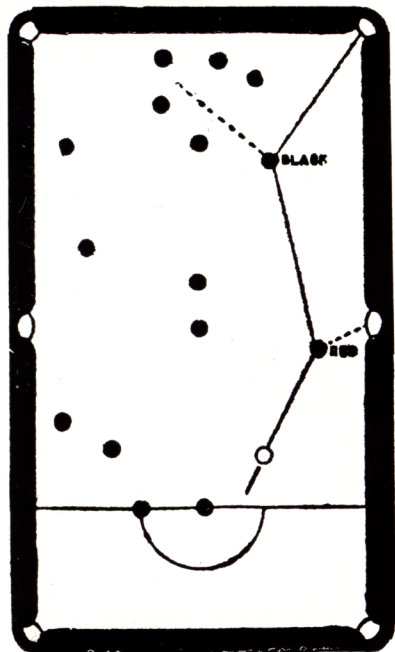
Billiards and Snooker

Annual Tournaments Well Under Way

The annual billiards and snooker tournaments are well on their way at the moment of going to Press.

Those who have survived the ordeal to date are:

Billiards: Messrs. C. E. Hall, J. B. Davis, "Rose Bay", "G.J.W.", C. L. Parker, F. G. McLean, Hans Robertson and J. W. Plaskitt.



Here is a frequent snooker query answered. Player was on a red which he potted. He also cannoned on to the black ball and went in off same. What was the penalty? Four away. Just the same as in billiards when a "four shot" is made through first contact on the object-white. The first contact is the one that counts.

Snooker: Messrs. C. E. Hall, Hans Robertson, E. O. Walcott, S. A. Brown, C. E. Young, B. Maher, W. Forster, I. Green, B. M. Levy, K. F. E. Fidden, "G.J.W." H. Davoren, G. Webster, C. S. Brice, Guy Crick, J. W. Plaskitt.

It will be noted that many have survived both tests and picking the winner is just about as easy as selecting the winning double for the Epsom and Metropolitan.

One great point is that the tournaments have fired the imagination of members generally and the securing of tables on which to play is now a matter of concern. Rarely does one enter the popular room on the second floor without finding all

tables occupied with prospective winners and hope-to-be victors.

It would be unfair to particularise regarding games already played, there have been some sterling contests and the judgment of the handicappers regarding ability has shown that those worthies are not by any means wide of the mark. That is how it should be. Close finishes have been the order of the day and, best of all, complaints have been conspicuous by their absence.

In Snooker, more perhaps than any other game, arguments crop up with regard to rules and their interpretation, but not in one single instance has anything untoward happened to mar the even tenor of proceedings.

And what is the moral of all this? If you have read Kipling you will know. The run of bad luck, in any game, must finish, and you must control yourself while it lasts. That is what is commonly termed the "fighting spirit"! In other words it means being able to take a run of bad luck calmly and pounce on the good luck when it comes, as it must do.

Generally speaking, the best professionals are models in this regard. A quarter of an inch means more to them than a foot to you and I, and if they can accept their rebuffs philosophically the least we can do is to follow their example.

After all, there is a vast difference between amateur and professional billiards and snooker and none of us would have it otherwise.

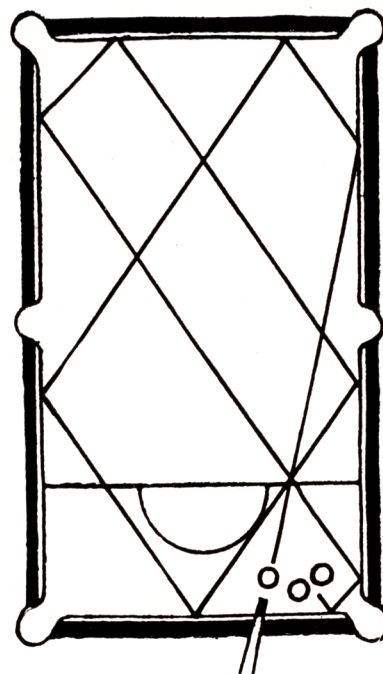
Club billiards is altogether different from the hard and fast, dyed-in-the-wool stuff adherents would desire. Members play with each other for the sheer enjoyment of companionship with just that tinge of competitive zest added as an after-thought embellishment.

Probably potting is our downfall. So few of us have mastered its vagaries.

It seems to have an extraordinary influence over amateurs. The novice "comes at it" hot and strong but experience teaches it is a trap for the unwary.

We seem to have the greatest difficulty in playing the shot with normal controlled strength and either bang at it or miserably dribble. The latter is preferable but both are wrong. Hard hitting badly affects cueing and must be ineffective; and playing very slowly over any distance is simply asking for trouble.

We know that a fairly fast moving object will resist deflection from its course much more so than one going very slowly and in spite of the near perfection which manufacturers have developed in making tables and billiard balls they cannot legislate for a crumb of chalk or an equally invisible hair from the table brush.



For budding cueists, a nice shot is depicted by world's champion Walter Lindrum, who finds a nine-cushion cannon not so difficult as would be imagined. The heavy line drawn shows the route of the cue-ball.

But, what matter? Who cares, or will lose any sleep, over the fact that what looked like a "sitter" was missed by inches.

"It's all in the game" they will tell you, and they are right.

Billiards will ever form an integral part of club life. It provides a

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Handball

L. Israel Takes "Spear Chief" Trophy

With only a few games to go the contest for the "Spear Chief" trophy was a fine tussle between L. Israel, W. A. Tebbutt and E. E. Davis, and that's the way they finished with very few points between them.

Israel played from the "owes 4" mark and performed most consistently throughout.

Final "Spear Chief" Trophy results were:

- L. Israel, 701 points, 1.
- W. A. Tebbutt, 695, 2.
- E. E. Davis, 690, 3.
- E. T. Penfold, 676, 4.
- R. Withycombe, 671, 5.
- J. R. Coen, 670, 6.
- J. Buckle and B. Partridge, 666, 7.

The championships are engaging the attention of the handballers and although the "A" Graders are not

properly into their stride the "B" and "C" men are going great guns.

Interesting entrants in the "C" Grade Championship are A. J. Matthews and A. G. Collins, who were down to meet in the first round and J. Harris, the donor of the "Spear Chief" trophy. They say that there will be much speculation on the results of the games.

Fine form was shown in the "B" Grade series by J. Buckle and J. R. Coen, the former beating a doughty opponent in I. Green and the latter showing great improvement to beat N. Conroy in a contest that ran the full three sets.

Results to the time of writing were:

"A" Grade.

First Round: A. Pick forfeited to I. Stanford.

"B" Grade.

First Round: I. Green defeated R. Pollard; J. N. Creer forfeited to R. Withycombe; E. T. Penfold d. G. Goldie.

Second Round: J. Buckle d. I. Green, 31-29, 31-30; E. T. Penfold d. R. Withycombe, 31-28, 31-25; J. R. Coen d. N. Conroy, 31-26, 25-31, 31-28.

"C" Grade.

First Round: N. Murphy d. R. Tobias; C. Salmon d. A. Lawton; L. Webb d. C. Forrest; E. Bergin d. R. C. Wilson; T. A. J. Playfair d. Dr. W. Ingram; F. Dougall forfeited to R. Payne.

Second Round: W. G. Buckle d. C. Godhard, 31-20, 31-25; E. Bergin d. R. Payne, 31-20, 31-14; T. H. English d. W. Lieberman, 31-30, 31-29.

Genius is Rare

From an immemorial time there have been outstanding leaders and commanders; likewise in every walk of life men of superlative talent in some particular direction who stand forth among their fellows. Among commanders: Napoleon, Caesar, Alexander and Hammurabi; statesmen like Pericles and Moses; orators like Cicero and Demosthenes; poets, men of science, inventors, engineers, discoverers. The flower of our human kind.

And now the question is: Out of all the hundreds of millions born within historic times, thousands upon thousands have aspired, toiled and done some notable work. But why so few? Whence the transcendent talent which has made the few immortal?

It is rarely hereditary. Faraday and Newton did not come from distinguished families. The fathers of

Caesar and Napoleon were not remarkable men. Nor in the vast majority of instances did mere opportunity play a dominant role. Opportunity may have made a Grant, a Washington and many another. But the high talent had to be there. Whence the high talent?

Few talents stand out more than music. Great musicians, the Beethovens and Wagners, like the Shakespeares or Gallileos, are assuredly born, not made. Are there physical essentials which musicians possess? To this problem a pioneering psychologist, Professor Seashore of the University of Iowa (U.S.A.) has given 40 years of patient research. He found at least four basic essentials—a sense of pitch, of rhythm, of intensity, and of tone colour. And there are others. But these four are physical capacities which are independent of any training, love of

music, or desire to be a musician. And these basic qualities seem fully developed in a child of 10 years and can never be improved by training or experience.

These abilities are distributed in any given population, according to what is known as the "normal curve", just as are such physical characteristics as height and weight. The term normal curve refers to the fact that there are relatively few of extremely low degree and equally few of very high degree.

Genius of any kind is rare, high talent is given to but few individuals in a generation, a moderate degree of ability is to be found in a far larger number, while those of relatively little capacity or achievement are present in enormous numbers.

DATES FOR RACING FIXTURES

SEPTEMBER — DECEMBER — 1939

SEPTEMBER.

Canterbury Park Saturday, 2nd
 Rosebery Wednesday, 6th
 Tattersall's Saturday, 9th
 Ascot Wednesday, 13th
 Rosehill Saturday, 16th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Wed., 20th
 Hawkesbury Saturday, 23rd
 Rosebery Wednesday, 27th
 Australian Jockey Club, Saturday, 30th

OCTOBER.

Australian Jockey Club, Monday, 2nd
 (Eight-Hours Day)
 Australian Jockey Club Wed., 4th

OCTOBER—Continued.

Australian Jockey Club, Saturday, 7th
 Rosebery Wednesday, 11th
 City Tattersall's Saturday, 14th
 Ascot Wednesday, 18th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 21st
 Victoria Park Wednesday, 25th
 Rosehill Saturday, 28th

NOVEMBER.

Kensington Wednesday, 1st
 Canterbury Park Saturday, 4th
 Victoria Park Wednesday, 8th
 Moorefield Saturday, 11th
 Ascot Wednesday, 15th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 18th

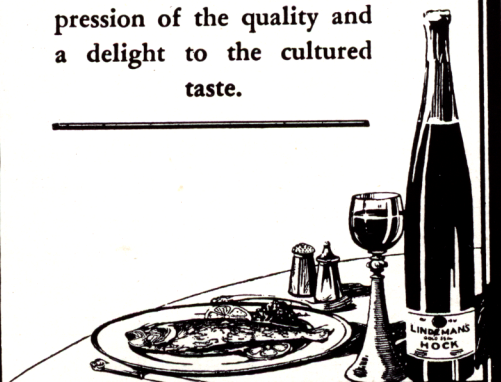
NOVEMBER—Continued

Rosebery Wednesday, 22nd
 Rosehill Saturday, 25th
 Hawkesbury Wednesday, 29th

DECEMBER.

Canterbury Park Saturday, 2nd
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Wed., 6th
 A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 9th
 Kensington Wednesday, 13th
 Rosehill Saturday, 16th
 Victoria Park Wednesday, 20th
 Australian Jockey Club, Saturday, 23rd
 Australian Jockey Club, Tuesday, 26th
 (Boxing Day)
 Kensington Wednesday, 27th
 Tattersall's Saturday, 30th

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JOHN BLAXLAND AND THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

ALTHOUGH the work of John Blaxland was by no means so spectacular as that of his brother Gregory (in the latter's share in the crossing of the Blue Mountains), it was of great importance in the development of the young settlement, for to John Blaxland must be given the credit of pioneering the cattle industry in this country. Just as Macarthur devoted his attention to the establishing of the wool industry and the improvement of the breeds of sheep to fit them for the production of fine wool, so did John Blaxland devote himself to the local improvement of cattle, both for dairying purposes and for beef. Unfortunately, Blaxland did not receive the official support and co-operation to which the importance of his work entitled him. Instead of receiving Government assistance in his projects, he was compelled to work in the face of direct and bitter opposition from at least two Governors, who were firmly convinced that the only avenue of worth-while activity for any landholder was in agriculture, and roundly condemned Blaxland for seeking to enrich himself at the expense of the general welfare of the colony; an accusation which is little short of ridiculous in the light of his actual achievements, as we shall see when we come to trace the effect of his efforts to lower the price of local meat, and to place fresh dairy produce within the means of most of the inhabitants of Sydney.

JOHN BLAXLAND came to New South Wales as a free settler under the following conditions:—"Provided John Blaxland engages a capital of £6000 in the colony of New South Wales, he is to be granted free passage for his family (self, wife, 4 or 5 children, 2 or 3 servants), 8000 acres of land, and 80 convicts, who will be fed for 18 months at Government expense. If he cannot put down £6000, the grant and the labour will be reduced proportionately to the capital he does provide." Instead of availing himself of the offer of a free passage, John Blaxland purchased a half-share in the whaling ship "The Brothers," and brought his family, servants, and possessions on that vessel. In return for this private expenditure he was to receive additional concessions from the Governor upon arrival at the settlement.

WHEN John Blaxland arrived in Sydney on April 3, 1807, he received a very cool reception from Governor Bligh, who proceeded to put every possible obstacle in Blaxland's way. Instead of granting him the promised 8000 acres, Bligh granted Blaxland some 1200 acres of rather swampy land near Parramatta. He was given 80 cows from the Government herd, for which payment had to be made by the delivery of 20 young cows every second year. Instead of 80 assigned servants, Blaxland declared he received but a quarter of that number, and these either invalids or convicts of the worst type. In spite of all these difficulties, John Blaxland persisted in his efforts to establish himself as a breeder of cattle, and in the sale of the various products of his farm.

IN the year of his arrival he began operations in George Street (then known as High Street), with his residence and shop on the present position of Farmer's new building, and his stockyard on the site on which the Queen Victoria Markets Building stands. This was Sydney's first large dairy. "We milk 29 cows," Blaxland wrote, "and sell the milk to the inhabitants, which is very eagerly sought after, particularly by the poorer classes; and to secure the whole of the return from our stock we have opened a butcher's shop, and sell meat 3d per pound lower than any other person." Actually, the Blaxland enterprise succeeded in reducing the price of meat from 2/6 per pound in 1807 to 1/ in 1809, and to 7d in 1813.

ON the land granted on the Parramatta River, John Blaxland established the celebrated Newington Farm (now the Newington Asylum), and commenced operations on a large scale. In addition to his extensive cattle yards and abattoirs, he also established the first successful saltworks in the colony, as well as lime works and a bone-crushing mill. He also built a large salting-down factory for making corned meat for export. In view of all this, it seems incredible that such effort would go unappreciated. The fact remains that it did. In 1812 Macquarie wrote indignantly to the Home Government that the Blaxlands devoted no time at all to agriculture, but "have turned their whole attention to the lazy object of rearing cattle."

Our Most Costly Pastime

Meditation is good for the soul and it is well at intervals to recast in memory the events of the day or week. It can be a time of stock-taking — always with a forward-looking attitude, planning for the future. On the other hand, worry — the kind that does not know where it is going and never arrives — is about our most senseless expenditure of energy. It destroys judgment and kills ambition. The best that can be said in extenuation of this bootless pastime is that it is born of fear. It is characterised by incessant fretting over things as they are. No remedy however, eventuates. The mind is in a turmoil, rest is disturbed and tranquillity vanishes. Let this situation continue and thoughts will become so foggy that a state of depression is almost certain to ensue.

Of course, it would never do to assume the position that everything is all right and will always remain so. The man whose spirits are never depressed may become an indolent ne'er-do-well. But there is a vast difference between reasoning out a problem, arriving at a logical conclusion and wringing one's hands and wailing over and over: "What shall I do? How can I face it?"

We will admit that emotions bear a direct relation to health. We can so upset our sensibilities that the heart will race furiously and exhaustion will follow. Then—because the nervous system is so delicately attuned to our feelings — secretions needed for digestion may dry up. The food within the intestine may not be dissolved, whereupon it may assume the role of a poison. Thus it is that nausea, vomiting and the pains of indigestion may occur in natural sequence — all because we have not acquired a sufficiently stable control over our apprehensions. The reason a pitcher of water is placed at the speaker's stand is that many a trained orator—in a moment of stage fright—may be conscious that his lips, tongue, and throat have suddenly gone dry. We have all experienced phases in which the mind governed such

phenomenon as blushing, shivering, or sweating.

Fortunately for our welfare, nature has provided many equalising or stabilising bits of machinery. For example, in a period of terror or anger, the adrenal glands will pour into the circulation a substance which we call adrenalin. This brings about a sharp rise in blood pressure and at the same time many subjective signs become evident. The mouth is dry, the lips twitch, the muscles tremble, the heart beats rapidly, breathing is accelerated and the pupils of the eyes dilate. All this means a defence reaction to some anticipated danger. As the temporary episode passes the functions resume their normal habit while the person is conscious of a sense of weariness, as though he had been engaged in hard, physical labour. Jealousy, envy and grief induce similar effects.

For the majority of us, life is an uphill and down dale existence. If undisciplined, we may drop abruptly from peaks of elation into valleys of despair. The one whose temperament is adjusted will never allow enthusiasm full reign; neither will he descend into the chasm of hypochondria. Bitter experience, perhaps, has taught him that ascent from the depths is too slow and too costly.

The kind of concern which we should manifest is that which leads us to repair a leaky roof rather than brood upon the fact that it may rain tomorrow. New discoveries come because of dissatisfaction with existing conditions. Instead of cutting grain with a scythe, a productive worker devised a machine to do the job.

When any power relieves us of the necessity of thinking for ourselves, of organising, creating and achieving, our brains will turn to slush. Instead of independent beings we will become a shiftless, worthless people.



TATTERSALL'S GOLF CLUB

FIXTURES :

October 19th
(Thursday)

The Lakes Golf Club
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November 16th
(Thursday)

Manly Golf Club
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v. Par.

Donors of Trophies : A.
J. Matthews, J. Mandel
and H. D. McRae.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

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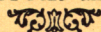
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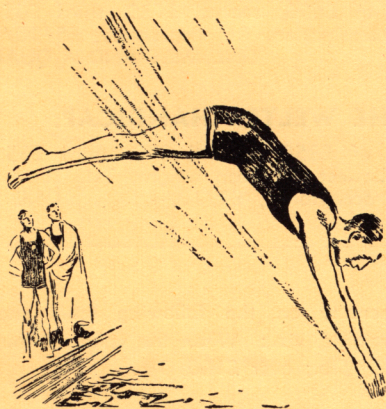
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ACCEPTANCES for all races are due before 1 p.m. on Thursday, 7th September, 1939, with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only.

The Committee reserve the power from time to time to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the date of running, the sequence of the races, time of starting and the time for taking nominations, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, and in the event of the false rail being used, races will be run at "ABOUT" the distances advertised.

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